

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2570
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Educational Level of Work Force
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that over 130 million of workforce in the country are below matriculation level in the academic field;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Census 2011 has revealed that 28.8% of the main workers are illiterate and 19.7% are matriculate and below graduate level; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a): Madam; Census 2011 data reveal that 130.2 million main workers and 43.4 million marginal workers in the country are literate with educational level below matric / secondary.

(b): A statement giving State/UT-wise total, main and marginal workers with educational level as literate but below matric / secondary as per Census 2011 is at Annex-I.

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(c): Madam; Census 2011 data reveal that illiterate main workers constitute 28.8% of the total main workers and 19.7% of the total main workers are literate with educational level as matric / secondary but below graduate.

(d): A statement giving State/UT-wise percentage of illiterate and matric / secondary but below graduate to total main workers as per Census 2011 is at Annex-II.

Ministry of Human Resource Development (MoHRD), Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called 'Saakshar Bharat' in rural areas of 410 districts in the country where adult female literacy rate as per Census 2001 is 50% and below, with the objective to raise / improve the literacy level of the country.

Further, Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, being implemented by MoHRD, provides free and compulsory education for children of the age 6-14 years for classes I to VIII. This is also a step forward to improve the literacy status of the country.
